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# Press Release

## **ICE ARRESTS MAN FOR ATTEMPTING TO CONCEAL MORE THAN \$15,000**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico- A man who attempted to leave Luis Munoz Marin International Airport without declaring excess currency in the amount of \$15,508 was arrested here Friday by special agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Rosario Medina-Urena, 26, who was traveling to the Dominican Republic, informed U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) inspectors at pre-clearance that he was traveling with \$600. Further inspection revealed that he was actually traveling with more currency.

“Those who violate the laws of this country will be held accountable for their actions,” said Lydia St. John Mellado, acting special agent-in-charge of ICE in Puerto Rico. “This man demonstrated a blatant disregard for the law and will now have to account for his actions before a court of law.”

Medina-Urena has been charged with violating Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 1001, for making false statements to federal officers and Title 31, USC Section 5316 and 5322 for failure to declare an amount of money exceeding \$10,000. He is now in U.S. Marshals Service custody at the Metropolitan Detention Center awaiting the outcome of his case.

The U.S. Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico has accepted the case for prosecution. The ICE investigation into this case is ongoing. Medina-Urena is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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